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SUBJECT: HASSAN'S CONCERNS ABOUT AFGHANISTAN AND AFRICA

1. IN MEETING WITH THE SECRETARY AND UNDER SECRETARY NEWSOM ON AUGUST 3, HASSAN RAISED ARAB PERCEPTION OF SOVIET THREAT TO MIDDLE EAST AND AFRICA FROM "ANGOLA TO AFGHANISTAN., HASSAN'S POINT APPEARED TO BE THAT, EVEN IF ONE ACCEPTED SOVIETS WERE NOT EXECUTING MASTER PLAN, THEY SEEMED TO BE DOING QUITE WELL. HE WANTED TO KNOW OUR ANALYSIS AND RESPONSE TO THIS PERCEIVED SOVIET THREAT TO U.S. AS WELL AS TO MODERATE ARAB NATIONAL INTERESTS. SECRETARY AND UNDER SECRETARY NEWSOM POINTED OUT INTER ALIA THAT IT WAS A MISTAKE TO EXAGGERATE SOVIET ,SUCCESSES" AND NOTED FORCES AT WORK IN AFRICA TO REDUCE CUBAN PRESENCE.

2. IN SUBSEQUENT DISCUSSIONS WITH US IT WAS CLEAR FROM HASSAN'S COMMENTS THAT HE WAS REASSURED RE U.S. ANALYSIS
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AND POLICIES IN THIS AREA. HE CITED OUR ATTEMPTS TO RE-INSTITUTE ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS WITH PAKISTAN AND OUR READINESS TO ENTER INTO DIRECT MILITARY ASSISTANCE RELATIONSHIPS WITH YAR AS FAVORABLE SIGNS THAT THE U.S. CONSIDERED ITS INTERESTS INVOLVED AND WAS REACTING ACCORDINGLY.

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